

## ARTICLE XVII

### INDIVISIBILITY OF OBLIGATION

17.01 It is the intent of the Contract that all the documents, annexes and addenda forming part hereof, shall be read together and that each and every provision or stipulation hereof be given full force, effect and applicability. However, in the event that one or more provisions or stipulations herein be declared null and void by the courts, or otherwise rendered ineffective, the remaining provisions and stipulations shall not be affected thereby.

## ARTICLE XVIII

### ARBITRATION/REMEDY AND RELIEF

18.01 Should there be any dispute or difference of any kind whatsoever which shall arise between the parties in connection with the implementation of this Contract, the Parties hereto shall make every effort to resolve amicably such dispute or difference by mutual consultation. In the event that such dispute or disagreement be not resolved to their mutual satisfaction, the matter shall be submitted to arbitration in the Philippines according to the provisions of Republic Act No. 876, otherwise known as the "Arbitration Laws" and Republic Act No. 9285; otherwise known as the "Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004". Provided, however, that disputes that are within the competence of the Construction Industry Arbitration Commission to resolve shall be submitted thereto. Provided, further, that, by mutual agreement, the parties hereto may agree in writing to resort to other alternative modes of dispute resolution. Provided, finally, that the arbitration proceeding shall be without prejudice to the right of PPA to rescind or terminate this contract in accordance with Article XIX, Section 19.04 hereof.

18.02 Should the PPA be constrained to resort to court action to enforce or safeguard its rights and interests under this Contract, the CONTRACTOR shall be liable to the PPA for attorney's fees in an amount equivalent to Twenty Percent (20%) of the total sum claimed in the complaint, exclusive of other damages and the expenses of litigation. Venue of such court actions in connection with or arising out of this contract shall be laid exclusively in the proper court of the City of Manila.

18.03 It is clearly understood that in case a dispute or disagreement arises between the PPA and the CONTRACTOR regarding the manner by which the latter is performing works, the CONTRACTOR shall follow the instruction of the PPA relative thereto, otherwise, it shall have no right to ask for arbitration or go to court for relief.

## ARTICLE XIX

### OTHER COVENANTS

19.01 It is expressly agreed and understood that in case of irreconcilable conflict between the provisions of this Contract and the provisions of any of the contract documents, the former shall be controlling.

19.02 It should also be clearly understood that any payment or failure of the PPA to demand compliance with any of the terms and conditions of this Contract or any act of liberality on the part of the PPA shall not be construed or considered as a waiver on the part of the PPA for the enforcement of this Contract, nor shall it relieve the CONTRACTOR of any of its obligations provided thereunder.

19.03 Under no circumstances shall the PPA be held liable for the payment of any extra work, or extra cost of work, change of work, or change order undertaken without the prior written approval of the PPA to perform said work.

19.04 Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the PPA has the right to terminate, cancel and/or rescind this Contract **motu proprio**, in case of breach thereof by the CONTRACTOR, without need of judicial action by giving at least TEN (10) Days written Notice to that effect to the CONTRACTOR, which Notice shall be final and binding on all the parties.

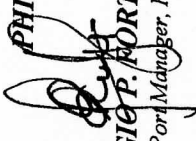
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